



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79874

Takeya SAKAI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/782,958

Group Art Unit: 1756

Confirmation No.: 7572

Examiner: Shean Chiu WU

Filed: February 23, 2004

For: RETARDATION FILM AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 17, 2006, in which the Examiner set a shortened statutory period for response by one month, making a reply due on or before September 18, 2006 (September 17, 2006, being a Sunday).

In the Action, the Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following:

Species (I) irradiating a film formed of a photosensitive polymer or a mixture of a photosensitive polymer and a low molecular weight compound with light with the incident light changing in sequence (claims 9-16)

Species (II) irradiating a layer formed of a photosensitive polymer or a mixture of a photosensitive polymer and a low molecular weight compound with linear polarized lights having electric field oscillation planes differing from each other in at least two directions, wherein the light to be irradiated in at least one

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direction is irradiated in a direction oblique to the normal line of the layer, claims 17-28; and
Species (III) irradiating a layer formed of a photosensitive polymer containing a positive index ellipsoid structure or a mixture of a photosensitive polymer and a low molecular weight compound with non-polarized light or light including a perfectly polarized light component and a non-polarized light component, claims 29-39.

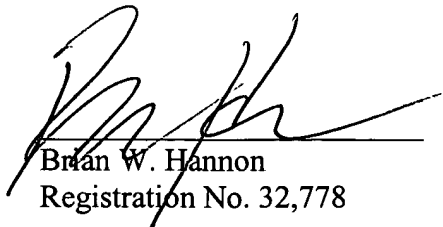
Applicant hereby elects Species II, drawn to claims 17-28, without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes that a complete examination on the merits is now in order. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a personal or telephone interview would be helpful, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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